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Lisa P. Jackson, Administrator
U.S Environmental Protection Agency
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Washington D.C. 20460

Dear Administrator Jackson,

I hope this letter finds you well. Please know as the Governor of Iowa and the chairman of the Governors Biofuels Coalition, I appreciate the opportunity to work together with President Obama and your team on important matters facing America.

The purpose of this letter is to address two important issues that are currently under the purview of the U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The first is the need to expedite a positive decision on the use of E15 to reduce the nation's dependence on petroleum products and the second is a commitment to enforce the existing rules associated with the Renewable Fuel Standard 2 (RFS2).

As you know, the application for E15 was filed in March of 2009 and the EPA was required by law to issue its decision within nine months. The EPA has now announced two delays. As a strong proponent of biofuels, I was disappointed by this decision which will result in further delays and uncertainty for the entire industry. While hundreds of millions of dollars in research funds are focused on "green gasoline", which has all the toxic components of gasoline and is at least a decade away from commercial production, the biofuels industry suffers from lack of certainty that would be provided by a decision on E15. The irony of this is biofuels today are the nation's only commercially available, renewable, homegrown transportation fuel.

I respectfully ask for expedited action on the E15 decision. I believe a favorable decision would positively reflect the Obama Administration's vision regarding use of biofuels and best support both the economic and environmental security of our nation's energy supply.

In addition to the ruling on E15, it remains vital that EPA enforce RFS2. This standard lays the foundation for achieving significant reductions of greenhouse gas emissions by reducing use of imported petroleum. Using more renewable fuels will also encourage the development and expansion of our nation's renewable fuels sector. It is critical that EPA remain strongly committed to the provisions of its original rulemaking with the July 1, 2010 implementation date. Increasing demand for biofuels and operating existing plants at their full potential will result in an additional \$1.6 billion in GDP; \$308 million in household income and the creation of thousands of jobs.

Again, please know I stand ready to work with you and the Obama Administration to ensure the success of all of our renewable energy options currently available. By helping the biofuels industry to overcome the "blend wall" through EPA approval of E15 and enforcing RFS2, we will be able to create hundreds of thousands of new green collar jobs and help America gain energy security, economic vitality and environmental protection.

Sincerely,

Chester J. Culver
Governor of Iowa

cc: Honorable Steven Chu, Secretary of Energy
Honorable Carol Browner, Assistant to the President for Energy and Climate Change

